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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGE

1. MINISTER OF GERMAN EMBASSY PRESENTED NOTE NOV. 16
CALLING ATTENTION TO 50 PERCENT CUT BY TEXACO OF LUFTHANSA
SUPPLIES IN ANCHORAGE, BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA FOR NOV.
AND 25 PERCENT FOR NOV. AND DEC. BY GULF IN NEW YORK.
CONSEQUENTLY, LUFTHANSA CANCELLING DAILY NEW YORK-COLOGNE
FLIGHT AND REDUCING B-747 F SCHEDULE BETWEEN BOSTON,
PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK AND GERMANY. NOTE REFERS TO
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APPLICATION BY LUFTHANSA TO US INTERIOR DEPT, OFFICE OF

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OIL AND GAS, NOV. 13, FOR ALLOCATION OF DOMESTIC FUEL TO REPLACE BONDED FUEL NO LONGER AVAILABLE. IT STATED THAT NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL CARRIER HAD BEEN FORCED TO CANCEL FLIGHTS DUE US FUEL SHORTAGE AND FURTHER THAT FUEL SUPPLIES FOR US CARRIERS IN GERMANY HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FUEL SHORTAGE. THE NOTE ASKS DEPT TO CONSIDER MEASURES TO AMELIORATE THE SITUATION CREATED BY LUFTHANSA'S US SUPPLIERS "INABILITY TO FILL THEIR CONTRACTS".

2. WE POINTED OUT THAT OTHER INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS, E.G. QUANTAS WERE BEING AFFECTED BY THE FUEL SHORTAGE IN US AND HAD BEEN FORCED TO CANCEL FLIGHTS. US CARRIERS WERE ALSO BEING AFFECTED HERE AND IN GERMANY. MINISTER EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US CARRIERS WERE HAVING FUEL PROBLEMS IN GERMANY AND WE EXPLAINED PAN AM HAS INFORMED US THAT ITS SUPPLIER IN GERMANY, EXXON, IS CUTTING PAN AM 26 PERCENT FOR REMAINDER THIS YEAR. WE ASSURED HIM USG WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING APPROACH TO PROBLEM, BUT THERE WERE DIFFICULT LEGAL AND POLICY PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME. MINISTER INDICATED NOTE WAS ESSENTIALLY FOR RECORD AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE COMPLEXITY OF OUR PROBLEM.

3. AFTER THE MEETING, GERMAN EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION ATTACHE INDICATED THAT PROBLEM STILL TOLERABLE BECAUSE IT IS LOW SEASON, BUT SERIOUS CRUNCH COULD OCCUR AT CHRISTMAS.

4. FYI: ACCORDING PAN AM, EXXON REDUCING SUPPLY NOV. 19-DEC. 31 FROM 4.4 MILLION GALLONS IN 1972 TO 3.3 THIS YEAR, THAT IS 26 PERCENT BELOW 1972 USAGE. THIS, OF COURSE, APPLIES TO ALL PAN AM SERVICES INCLUDING IGS. KISSINGER

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